

### --- “Series of 1883” - Fifteen Pounds - Blue - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 15 pound denomination was one of the original denominations in the “Series of 1883” introduced on July 1st, and thus it occurs on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove paper.

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The catalogue lists the *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamps as follows:

- RM-294** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-294** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-294c** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188**\_ stub
- RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh fine white wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *short wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **189**\_ stub
- RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh poor grade wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *short wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **189**\_ stub
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<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 33,800 copies of “15 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 12,795 copies of “15 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 25,905 copies of “15 lb., Blue, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

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### --- The “theoretical” control number range on the 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> - (1878-1886)	33,800	- <b>000001</b> to <b>033800</b>
<b>4th BABN Contract</b> - (1886-1892)	12,795	- <b>033801</b> to <b>046595</b>
<b>5th BABN Contract</b> - (1892-1897)	<u>25,905</u>	- <b>046596</b> to <b>072500</b>
	72,500	

### --- The “actual” control number range on the 15 pound blue Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

15 pounds, blue, on <i>block wmkd</i> wove, with 4 mm. controls	- <b>000001</b> to <b>000100</b>
15 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with 4 mm. controls	- <b>036991</b> to <b>042809</b>
15 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with 5 mm. controls	- <b>047503</b> to <b>068990</b>

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--- RM-294c - Fifteen Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



The catalogue lists this *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

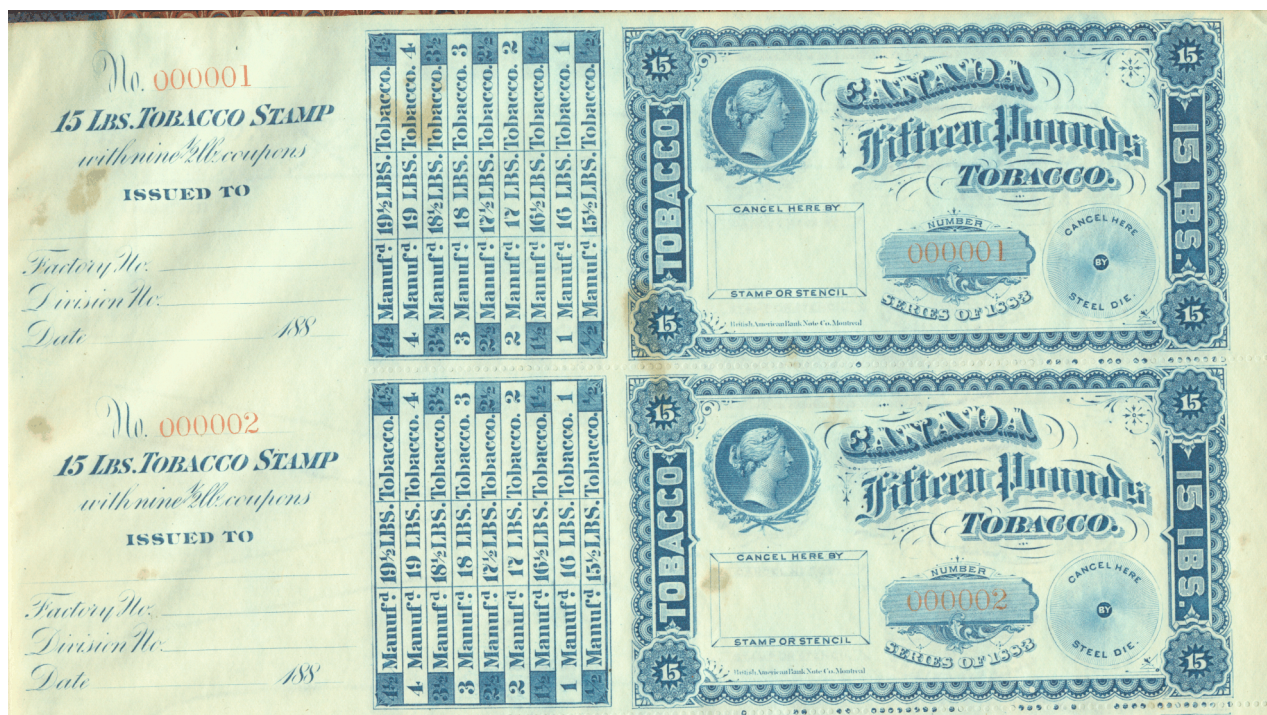
RM-294c - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)

33,800

- 000001 to 033800



★RM-294c - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. red control 000001, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, with nine 1/2 pound coupons and 188\_ stubs - top two scanned from a book of one hundred stamps - 5 x 20 panes

000001-100★

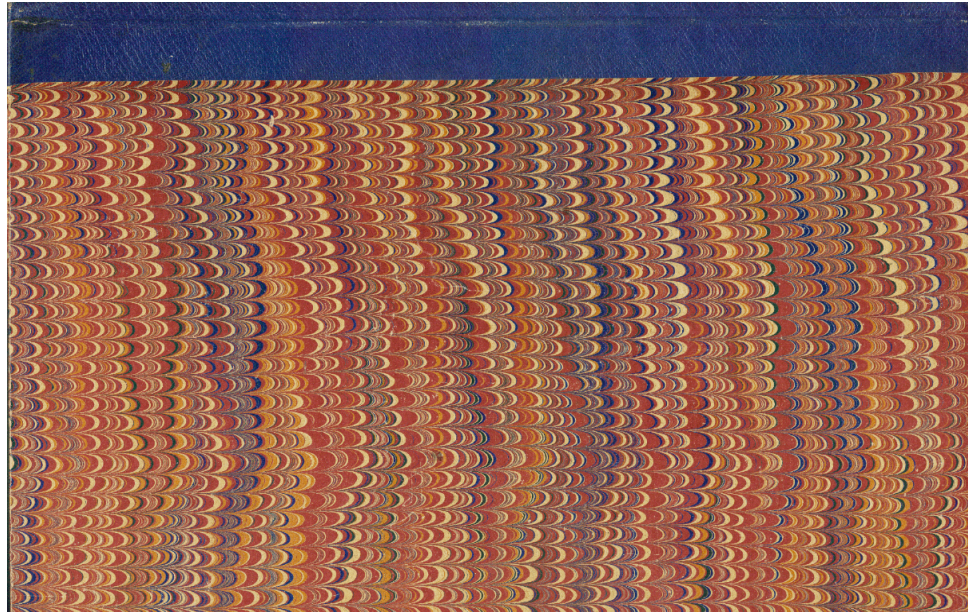
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RM-294c

15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, stubs dated 188\_ - a book of 100 stamps (5 stamps x 20 panes)



The cover of the bound book of **RM-294c**, listed above, is here scanned at 30% scale, as I find it difficult to describe the cover in words. The actual book measures 10 x 13½ inches, and fits this legal sized scanner in length only - so 1½ inches of the book width has been clipped.



★**RM-294c** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on vertical mesh *block wmkd* wove, a book of 100 stamps - 1½ inches has been clipped from the width in scanning - stamped inside the cover

INLAND REVENUE OFFICE  
Jul / 18 / 1883  
KINGSTON



★**RM-294cn** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove, without control numbering, with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an **188\_** stub

--- on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. violet Gothic controls ---

All of these stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these stamps were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions early in 1880, and in the mid-1880’s. This *violet Gothic controlled* example is found printed on *block wmkd* paper, which indicates that it dates from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen other examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later than 1900. It was a very early collection. It is possible that the *purple control numbered* stamps were prepared as ‘presentation’ sets for prominent philatelists.



★ 15 pound, blue, perf 12, CWC, with purple 4 mm. Gothic control **7 2 7 1 5 4**, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove

The control numbers are arbitrary, and *do not* form part of the regular control sequence. The collection contains a couple of examples of the same stamp with variant numbering - which indicates that more than one set had been prepared.



--- RM-294 - Fifteen Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

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The catalogue lists this *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-294 - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls,  
*long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)

12,795

- 033801 to 036991 - to date

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The first example has a very distinct vertical mesh, although ‘delivered’ under the 4th BABN Contract was undoubtedly printed under the preceding one.



★ RM-294 - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on *unwmkd vertical* mesh wove, with 4 mm. control number 036991,  
with nine 1/2 pound coupons

036991 ★

RM-294

15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on *unwmkd* wove paper,

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--- RM-294 - Fifteen Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists this *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-294 - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls,  
*long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)                      12,795                      - 036991 to 046595 - to date



★RM-294 CP - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. red control 042809, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove,  
with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an 188\_ stub - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

042801 ★	RM-294	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove
042809 ★	RM-294 CP	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove, stub dated 188_, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

--- RM-296 - Fifteen Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh *fine white* wove - with 5 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a *short wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



The catalogue lists this *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh *fine white* wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *short wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)

25,905

- 046596 to 072500



★ **RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, with 5 mm. control number **047504**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh *fine thin* wove - with nine ½ pound coupons

<b>047503</b>	RM-296 CP	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh <i>fine</i> wove, stamped with an inverted <b>CANCELLED</b> in 3 mm. violet Gothic
<b>047504</b> ★	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh <i>fine</i> wove
<b>047996</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh <i>fine</i> wove, with the stub dated 189_

In 1887, under the terms of the 4th Contract, BABN returned their plant operations from Montreal where they had been in operation since leaving Ottawa in 1874. Their 4 mm. control numbers (as used in Montreal) were switched to 5 mm. by the Ottawa plant. The above stamps were probably printed in Montreal, prior to the move, and were then control numbered in Ottawa.



--- RM-296 - Fifteen Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed in Ottawa on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh poor grade wove - with 5 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a *short wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

The catalogue lists this *recess printed* fifteen pound blue “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

**RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh poor grade wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *short wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 15 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)

25,905

- 047996 to 072500



★**RM-296** - 15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, with 5 mm. control number **068990**, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh poor grade wove, with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an 189\_ stub

<b>068533</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068536</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with the stub dated 189_
<b>068545</b> ★	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068564</b> ★	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068575</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068581</b> ★	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068600</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068608</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068613</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068641</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068709</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068713</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068725</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068749</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068770</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068780</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068852</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068862</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068867</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068870</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068874</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068902</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with the stub dated 189_
<b>068919</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
<b>068938</b>	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove



068939	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
068965	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
068977	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
068980	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove
068990★	RM-296	15 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on unwmkd horizontal mesh wove, with the stub dated <b>189</b> _

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